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SUBJECT: Request for Estimates of the Impact
of Immigration on the FY 1984 Federal Budget

Question: What were the costs incurred (or your best estimate) for name tracing immigrants, including refugees, in FY 1984?

Answer: The Agency estimates the FY 1984 cost incurred for immigrant name tracing for the Immigration and Naturalization Service at

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Director, Central Intelligence
Attn: Chief, Liaison Division
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Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Sir:

At the request of Butler Derrick, Chairman, Task Force on the Budget Process, House Committee on the Budget, GAO is compiling estimates of the FY 84 impact of all forms of immigration on the federal budget. This involves the identification of federal costs and revenues which are linked with immigration, including legal and illegal immigrants, refugees and asylees.

Central Intelligence Agency name tracing of refugees processed for admission to the U.S. is considered one of these costs. A 1982 report to the Congress prepared by James Giammo, Director, Office of Policy and Budget Policy, Office of the U.S. Coordinator for Refugee Affairs included such data for FY 1981 and FY 1982 (copy enclosed) provided by your Office of General Counsel. I request, therefore, that you notify me as soon as possible as to the amount of costs incurred (or your best estimate) in this area during FY 1984. If you are unable to assign costs directly to refugee tracing, please provide me with a pro rata amount based on 71,113 refugees processed in FY 1984.

Because of the short timeframe we are working under, I would appreciate a response as soon as possible. I can be reached at 275-9438.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Audrey Clayton", is written over a horizontal line.

Audrey Clayton
Evaluator-in-Charge

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